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SPECIFICATION AMENDMENTS:

Please amend the paragraph beginning at page 1, line 13 as follows:

AI "A directory service provider server which controls any manipulation of data stored within a master directory database as requested by a directory client. For each data manipulation, the directory service provider server transmits an event notification describing the data manipulation to all directory clients. The performance of the directory service provider server in manipulating data stored within the master directory database in accordance with numerous received requests from one or more directory clients can be impeded as the directory service provider server concurrently attempts to transmit corresponding event notifications to all of the directory clients. This is particularly true when the directory service provider server is also receiving new data manipulation requests from directory clients."

Please amend the Abstract as attached hereto.